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1. Between 21 May and 5 June 1951, concreting was started on the runway of Herseburg airfield. [REDACTED] the subgrade consisted of a 40-cm layer of gravel which was rolled, and a 15-cm layer of rough concrete which was covered by reed mats. [REDACTED] also said that the runway was to be covered with concrete whose mixture was to be composed of one unit of cement and two or three units of sand. A taxiway running south and parallel to the runway was also under construction.

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2. About 30 to 90 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were quartered in tents on the landing field. A captain and a lieutenant were seen with the troops. [REDACTED]

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The soldiers hauled construction material. *

- * [REDACTED] Comment. The construction of a concrete runway was confirmed by other sources. The runway is to be about 2,150 meters long. Construction on the taxiway started on 18 May 1951. The scheduled target date of completion is not known. From the status of construction it is inferred that work will not be completed before September 1951.

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